(Price in Rs. per quintal)

Type of Oil	Price as on 30.1.02	Price as on 30.7.02	% variation over 30.1.02
Mustard Oil	2910	3700	+27.15
Groundnut Oil	3630	4470	+23.15
Soyabean Oil	3040	3550	+16.78
Sunflower Oil	4000	4700	+17.50
Sesame Oil	3250	3750	+15.38
Cottonseed Oil	3000	3750	+25.00
Coconut Oil	3650	4600	+26.03
Rice Bran Oil	2450	3150	+28.57
Vanaspati (15 litres pack)	515	625	+21.36

(b) Price rise in the international market, decline in production of domestic oilseeds, increase in the tariff value of Palm Oil products etc. are some of the reasons for rise in the prices of edible oils.

(c) Some of the measures taken/proposed to lessen the burden on consumers are:—

(i) Import of edible oils has been allowed on OGL.

(ii) the import duty structure of edible oils is reviewed from time to time.

(iii) Government is keeping a watch on the prices and availability situation of edible oils in the country.

Wastage of foodgrains during transportation

2380. SHRI RANGANATH MISRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lot of foodgrains is wasted while transferring it from farms to godowns or from godowns to rail or road dispatch centres;

(b) if so, the details of the quantity of foodgrains wasted during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure the quantity of foodgrains wasted is minimized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) Some losses occur during transportation of foodgrains from farms to mandies/markets and from godowns to rail or road dispatch centres due to multiple handling, spillage, use of hooks by labour etc. An Expert Committee appointed by the Government reported in 1968 that the transportation losses in foodgrains from farms to markets/mandies was to the tune of 0.15%. The transit losses occurred in FCI during the last three years are given below:

Year	Transit losses in Lakh MTs	Loss %age of toal foodgrains
1998-99	2.66	1.17
1999-2000	2.89	1.13
2000-2001	1.84	0.86

(c) FCI has taken following steps to minimize transit losses;

(i) Adoption of 50 Kg capacity bags in a phased manner to avoid use to hooks.

(ii) Encouraging double line machine stitching of bags.

(iii) Improvement in size and quality of gunnies.

(iv) Squad inspection at selected rail heads transshipments and destination/dispatch centres.

Wheat export

2381. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether India exported wheat during 2001-2002 to various countries;